as on 31st March, 1985 was estimated to be Rs. 51.88 crores;

(b)

(*Rs in crores*)

Year	Amount deposited into Public Provident Fund	Amount withdrawn
1982-83 . .	109·29	3·80
1983-84 . .	143·04	15·84
1984-85 . . (RE)	165.00	60.00

(c) Yes, Sir. Public Provident Fund accounts are for a period of 15 years. However, an option is available to the subscriber to continue subscription to the fund even after 15 years and get the tax benefits. Even if he does not intend to make further subscriptions he is permitted to continue the account in which case the balance will earn tax free interest till it is withdrawn.

Export of chemicals to persons in India by Sikh manufacturers of USA

1947. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to report to the effect that a number of Sikhs settled in United States and engaged in the manuffacture of Chemicals are exporting their products to persons in India in a clandestine manner to be used for nefarious purposes like the preperation of high power explosives; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained whether the imported chemicals were used for the manufacture of high power explosives by the Sikh terrorists in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Government have no such information.

Non-acceptance of Indian goods by importers

1948. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some importers have returned the goods imported by them from India on the ground that either the same were not as per specifications/samples or substanderd material had been used in the manufacture thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against such exporters and also laid down any guidelines in the matter;

(c) what are the details of the defaulting entrepreneurs, action taken against them and foreign exchange lost during 1983-84 and 1984-85 as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have received fresh orders for the same goods and from the same countries which returned the goods; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to ensure that the goods exported are as per specification;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (c) Usually acceptance or refusal of goods is a matter between exporters and importers and such cases are known to the Ministry when the parties approach it with their complaint. As such it would not be possible to furnish the information. No estimate of loss of foreign exchange due to quality complaints is maintained.

(b) Erring exporters are punished under the provision of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 and also under Customs Act. The exporters are also liable for de-requistration from the Membership in the respective FPCs/ Commodity Boards in case Quality complaints are established.

(d) and (e) Export orders are not placed with the Government.